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Children in Cambridge with gas masks in 1937

Thirty million gas masks for poison-laden town – 1937

A NEW novel deals with the Cambridge of the future.

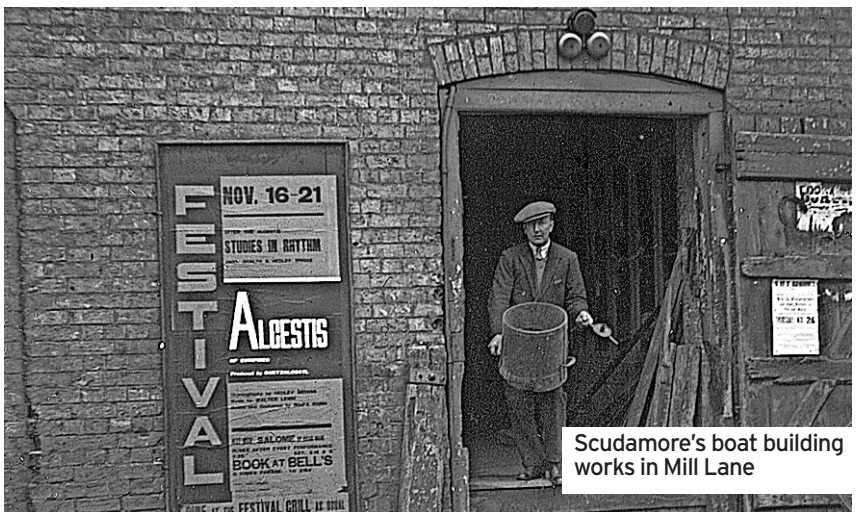
Thirty Million Gas Masks by Sarah Campion imagines "something like ten thousand Cantabrigians were wiped out (as every schoolboy knows) in the air raid of 1939.

"There are memorials to the Cambridge dead all over the rest of Great Britain. The enemy cared not two buttons about Cambridge but were aiming at London.'

In the book, a technical mishap on one of the bombing planes releases a new gas which results in the area being evacuated only to be visited by people in gas masks sent by the government to test the poison-laden country.

A great deal of war talk in Cambridge this week – 1937

THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF WAR TALK IN CAMBRIDGE THIS WEEK. HOW DOES THIS AFFECT OUR CITIZENS ?
CAMBS O.T.C DEMONSTN
CAMBRIDGE ANTI-WAR GROUP MEETING
VISIT THE GAS PROOF ROOM AT OOTS
LOOKS BAD TO ME I MUST ASK SOMEONE ABOUT IT
WHAT DO YOU RECKON IS GOING TO WIN THE CESAREWITCH ?
RONALD SEARLE.



Scudamore's boat building works in Mill Lane

'Well-known and genial' boat builder dies at 52 – 1939

MR J.A. Scudamore, the boat builder, has died aged 52.

He built several motor launches when they were first introduced on the Cam and had considerable success in the races promoted by the Motor Boat Club of which he was an early member.

In the summer months, he was a well-known and genial figure in Mill Lane, being in charge of the new Granta boat houses which he had helped to plan.

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